

I claim:

1 A method for providing an electronic document having at least one  
2 version identified by a time-stamp, said method comprising the steps of:  
3 receiving a request for said electronic document, said request including a  
4 time-stamp;  
5 identifying as a function of said time-stamp a machine storing said  
6 electronic document for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp; and  
7 transmitting said electronic document corresponding to said time-stamp  
8 from said identified machine.

1 Sub 2A 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein an address identifying said  
2 electronic document includes said time-stamp.

1 3. The method according to claim 2, wherein said address is a Uniform  
2 Resource Locator ("URL").

1 Sub 3 4. The method according to claim 3, wherein said Uniform Resource  
2 Locator ("URL") has an associated request header for indicating said time stamp.

1 5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of  
2 transmitting the version of said electronic document with the most recent time-stamp  
3 preceding the requested time-stamp if a version of said electronic document does not  
4 exist with the requested time-stamp.

1 6. The method according to claim 1, wherein said request is specified  
2 using a browser.

1                   Suc4 \ 7. The method according to claim 1, wherein said time-stamp is a relative  
 2                   time-stamp.

1                   8. A system for storing an electronic document having multiple versions,  
 2                   said system comprising:

3                         a memory for storing said multiple versions of said electronic document in  
 4                   an archive of electronic documents; and

5                         a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured  
 6                   to:

7                         receive a request for said electronic document, said request including a  
 8                   time-stamp;

9                         identify as a function of said time-stamp a machine storing said electronic  
 10                  document for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp; and

11                         transmit said electronic document corresponding to said time-stamp from  
 12                  said identified machine.

1                   Suc6 \ 9. The system according to claim 8, wherein an address identifying said  
 2                   electronic document includes said time-stamp.

1                   10. The system according to claim 9, wherein said address is a Uniform  
 2                   Resource Locator (“URL”).

1                   Suc7 \ 11. The system according to claim 10, wherein said Uniform Resource  
 2                   Locator (“URL”) has an associated request header for indicating said time stamp.

1                   12. The system according to claim 8, wherein said request is specified  
 2                   using a browser.

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1           13. The system according to claim 8, wherein said processor is further  
2 configured to transmit the version of said electronic document with the most recent time-  
3 stamp preceding the requested time-stamp if a version of said electronic document does  
4 not exist with the requested time-stamp.

1           14. The system according to claim 8, wherein said time-stamp is a relative  
2 time-stamp.

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1           15. An article of manufacture for accessing an electronic document, said  
2 article of manufacture comprising:

3           a computer readable medium having computer readable program code  
4 means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising  
5 program code means for causing a computer to:

6           receive a request for said electronic document, said request including a  
7 time-stamp;

8           identify as a function of said time-stamp a machine storing said electronic  
9 document for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp; and

10          transmit said electronic document corresponding to said time-stamp from  
11 said identified machine.

1           16. A method for resolving a domain name, said method comprising the  
2 steps of:

3           receiving a request for an electronic document associated with said domain  
4 name, said request including a time-stamp;

5           identifying as a function of said time-stamp a machine corresponding to  
6 said domain name for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp; and

7           transmitting an indication of said identified machine storing said electronic  
8 document corresponding to said time-stamp.

*SAC 10* 17. The method according to claim 16, wherein an address identifying said electronic document includes said time-stamp.

1                   18. The method according to claim 17, wherein said address is a Uniform  
2       Resource Locator (“URL”).

See CII 19. The method according to claim 18, wherein said Uniform Resource Locator ("URL") has an associated request header for indicating said time stamp.

1                    20. The method according to claim 16, wherein said request is specified  
2 using a browser.

*Sub C12* 21. The method according to claim 16, wherein said time-stamp is a relative time-stamp.

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22. A system for resolving a domain name, said system comprising:  
a memory for storing a database identifying a machine storing an  
electronic document corresponding to said domain name for a plurality of time periods;

5                   a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured  
6        to:

7 receive a request for an electronic document associated with said domain  
8 name, said request including a time-stamp;

9 access said database as a function of said time-stamp to identify a machine  
10 corresponding to said domain name for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp;  
11 and

12 transmit an indication of said identified machine storing said electronic  
13 document corresponding to said time-stamp.

*See claim 22*

23. The system according to claim 22, wherein an address identifying said electronic document includes said time-stamp.

1                   24. The system according to claim 23, wherein said address is a Uniform  
2       Resource Locator (“URL”).

*SACB* 25. The system according to claim 24, wherein said Uniform Resource Locator ("URL") has an associated request header for indicating said time stamp.

1                   26. The system according to claim 22, wherein said request is specified  
2 using a browser.

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c14* 27. The system according to claim 22, wherein said time-stamp is a relative time-stamp.

28. An article of manufacture for resolving a domain name, said article of manufacture comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable program code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising program code means for causing a computer to:

receive a request for an electronic document associated with said domain name, said request including a time-stamp;

identify as a function of said time-stamp a machine corresponding to said domain name for a time period corresponding to said time-stamp; and

transmit an indication of said identified machine storing said electronic document corresponding to said time-stamp.